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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE DEMARCHED ON OFAC NARCOTICS KINGPIN ACT  
DESIGNATION OF THREE SENIOR VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS

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Classified By: Dana M. Brown, Pol-Econ Officer, Embassy Lisbon  
Reason 1.4 (b)

[¶1.](#) (U) Pol-Econ Officer informed Portuguese MFA America's Director Helena Coutinho and EU Deputy Correspondent Florbela Cardy of the Kingpin designation on Venezuelan officials on September 12 per reftel request. Neither offered a response specifically to the notification, but MFA officials have told us in several conversations that Portugal prefers to institute sanctions multilaterally through the UN or EU, rather than bilaterally.

[¶2.](#) (C) Comment: Portugal is strengthening its ties to Venezuela this year and is unlikely to do anything that would endanger future energy cooperation or the well-being of the roughly 500,000 strong Portuguese community resident there.  
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